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FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ISSUED TO PRESS BY CERTAIN DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS US DELEGATION NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE PARIS AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 15.

QUOTE FROM: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION

WE CAME TO THIS CONFERENCE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT CONTAINED IN A TELEGRAM SENT TO THE US DELEGATION. IN THIS TELEGRAM HE STRESSED HIS DEEP DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND HIS OWN CLOSE TIES WITH THE NATO ORGANIZATION. WE AGREED WITH THE FURTHER STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT "THAT CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD HAVE COMBINED TO MAKE THE POTENTIAL OF NATO MORE ESSENTIAL TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY."

BUTTRESSING THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT WAS A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE DELEGATION. MR. DULLES POINTED OUT THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THE HEALTH AND STRENGTH OF THE NATO ALLIANCE.

WE HOPED THAT BY OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE WE MIGHT FURTHER THE OBJECTIVES STATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND MR. DULLES. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES WAS GIVEN A RUDE SHOCK BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN ARMS WERE BEING DELIVERED TO TUNISIA. THIS DELIVERY OF ARMS TO TUNISIA CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO THE UNITY OF NATO AND WHATEVER POSSIBLE GAIN MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED IS MORE THAN OFFSET BY THE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE; BY THE FEARS AND SUSPICIONS WHICH IT HAS CREATED IN THE MINDS OF MEMBERS OF NATO.

IF THE DELIVERY OF 500 RIFLES TO TUNISIA WAS VITAL TO THE

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SUCCESS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY THEN CERTAINLY THE ACTION COULD HAVE BEEN TIMED MORE APPROPRIATELY.

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